

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week November 28, 2017 through December 3, 2017.

Tuesday

11/28/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward David Nuesch will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for the reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Friday's eight race card, which consisted of five trial races for the So Cal Derby, drew promptly at 1pm. Fifty-five horses are scheduled to start.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

No California-Bred races were used on today's card.

Wednesday

11/29/2017

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Only one equipment change was made at scratch time for Friday night's race card.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's nine race program, which consisted of eight quarter horse races, was draw by noon today.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

In a rare event, a California-Bred maiden claiming race for two year olds went with seven entrants. It will run as the fourth race on Saturday evening's card.

Thursday

11/30/2017

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. resulting in one jockey change and one equipment change.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Sunday's eight race program was completed at 1:30 p.m. consisting of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

No Cal-bred races were used for Sunday's card.

Friday

12/01/2017

(1) GRAY HEARING

Dr. Amanda Gray was in the office this afternoon in response to complaints #17LA0342, #17LA0365, and #17LA0366. The three cases were filed by CHRB Investigators when they learned that post race tests showed higher than allowable levels of Flunixin in all three samples in question, and that Dr. Gray administered the pre-race Lasix to all three horses. It is believed that Dr. Gray drew up three treatments from the same contaminated bottle of Lasix. The Stewards will deliberate on the matter and a decision will be made in the coming days.

(2) TREECE HEARING

Trainer Charles Treece came into our office tonight to address a prior Flunixin positive, ruling # 275, from October 14, 2017. In light of knowledge learned during the Amanda Gray hearing, and after receiving an Order of Remand from the California Horse Racing Board, the Stewards will issue a new ruling, in the coming days, setting aside ruling #275.

(3) RULINGS #327 thru #331

The following five rulings were issued as a result of crop violations during trial races conducted on November 26th.

RULING # 327

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017.

RULING # 328

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017.

RULING # 329

JOCKEY CESAR GOMEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017.

RULING # 330

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017.

RULING # 331

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Gambler's Wish (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed by L. Brady
6th Race #1 Saraplainandtall (Tr. C. Treece) – injured at Gate – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$13,464.83
#6 Perrys Getting Down (Jockey Armando Cervantes) – sick – replaced by jockey Jose Nicasio
7th Race #3 La Dulce Vita (Jockey Ramon Sanchez) – injured – replaced by jockey Jose Nicasio
8th Race #4 American Force (Jockey Ramon Sanchez) – injured – replaced by jockey Jose Nicasio

(5) CLEAN RACING

Other than the one late scratch in the 6th race, tonight we had a clean night of racing.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	679	On Track Handle:	\$81,483.00
Off Track Attendance:	1,810	Off Track Handle:	\$300,871.20
Total:	2,489	Out of State:	\$844,689.33
			\$1,227,043.53

Saturday
12/02/17

(1) GRAY RULING

After deliberating the findings in the Gray hearing from yesterday, (Ref 12/01/17 - 1), and in a majority decision, the stewards issued the following ruling. David Nuesch had the dissenting vote, as he was looking for a fine to go along with the 30 day suspension.

RULING # 332

VETERINARIAN AMANDA GRAY IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS DECEMBER 11, 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2018 FOR THREE (3) VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A)(B)(D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.5 (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES PERMITTED AFTER ENTERING IN A RACE), KISSED BY AN EAGLE (FLUNIXIN – 86.5 NG/ML – 10/21/2017), VODKA TEXTED YOU (FLUNIXIN – 126.3 NG/ML – 9/9/17), AND SEARED (FLUNIXIN – 80.8 NG/ML – 10/21/17), AND #1844 (C) (2)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF AMANDA GRAY ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) VETERINARIAN AMANDA GRAY IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION

The following ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards heard case #17LA0352, and disqualified the horse My Favorite Cartel from all purse monies earned.

RULING # 333

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT URINE SAMPLE #LA38707, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "MY FAVORITE CARTEL", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2017, TESTED POSITIVE FOR LEVAMISOLE (6.79ug/ml) (CLASS II), IT IS ORDERED THAT "MY FAVORITE CARTEL" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE 1895.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$2200.00) EARNED BY OWNER MARTHA F. WELLS, TRAINER MATTHEW FALES AND JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY JANUARY 1, 2018, FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA

HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – FIRE AND SASS
2nd – EXTREMELY RACY
3rd (DH) – VALIANT HEART
3rd (DH) – CORONATED
5th – DEVIL IN A BLUE SUIT
6th – DOCS LAST CARD

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS

(3) CROP RULINGS

The following two rulings were issued as a result from crop violations on last night's card.

RULING # 334

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 1, 2017.

RULING # 335

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 1, 2017.

(4) VOIDED CLAIM

After failing the post-race soundness exam, the claim on SM Big Daddy in tonight's second race was voided, and the 2yo gelding was returned to trainer Bill Hoburg.

(5) SANCHEZ OFF

After injuring his foot last night while leaving the starting gate, jockey Ramon Sanchez tried to ride all his scheduled mounts, but after complaining that the pain was too great, he took off his remaining mount on tonight's card, as well as all his scheduled mounts for tomorrow night.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Ghost Lady (Tr. K. Castaneda) claimed by Tr. L. Campuzano
#5 Legal Affair (Tr. J. Mendoza) claimed by Tr. J. Clark
4th Race #3 VGW Walk Thru Time (Jockey R. Sanchez) replaced by J. Nicasio
5th Race #1 Sambe Corona MV (Tr. P. Jones) injured at gate – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$34,735.00
7th Race #6 Firey Icon (Tr. V. Zamudio) claimed by R. Corona

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	974	On Track Handle:	\$104,427.40
Off Track Attendance:	1,893	Off Track Handle:	\$294,685.40
Total:	2,867	Out of State:	<u>\$674,696.62</u>
			\$1,073,809.42

Sunday
12/03/17

(1) FTA RULING

After owner Noel Ayala did not show up for a scheduled hearing earlier this week, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 336

OWNER NOEL AYALA HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 2, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0359, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF NOEL AYALA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(2) NICASIO RULING

For having multiple crop violations in a short period of time the following ruling was issued, suspending jockey Jose Nicasio.

RULING # 337

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR ONE (1) RACING DAY (DECEMBER 10, 2017) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 2, 2017.

(3) ORDER OF REMAND

The following ruling was issued as a result of the Treece hearing, (Ref. 12/01/17 - 2), on Friday.

RULING # 338

ACTING UPON AN ORDER OF REMAND FROM THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD (CASE NO. SAC 17-0063) LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION RULING #275 DATED OCTOBER 14, 2017 FINING TRAINER CHARLES TREECE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #1843(A)(B), RULE #1843.1(B) AND RULE 1844(C)(2) IS NOW SET ASIDE. ALL RECORDS SHALL REFLECT THAT RULING #275 HAS NOW BEEN VACATED AND THE \$500 FINE PREVIOUSLY PAID BY CHARLES TREECE SHALL BE RETURNED BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(4) SHOW WAGERING CANCELED

With three program scratches from tonight's second race, show wagering was canceled since the field size was reduced down to only four horses.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #4 Hope 'N Pray (Tr. S. Naranjo) unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$183.00

#5 Papa's Lady (Tr. K. Castaneda) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$107.00

#6 Parliamentarian (Tr. F. Gonzalez) ineligible – Stewards
Refund \$3,781.00

#7 PS Bettin On You (Tr. K Castaneda) Claimed by Tr. C. Treece

3rd Race #1 Triple Drama (Tr. R. Bean) unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$163.00

4th Race #7 Red Hot In Diamonds (Jockey G. J. Rangel) replaced by C. Franco

7th Race #5 Turning Up (Jockey R. Sanchez) replaced by J. Nicasio

8th Race #4 One Sweet Barbie (Jockey R. Sanchez) replaced by C. Mendez

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 540
Off Track Attendance: 1,726
Total: 2,266

On Track Handle: \$100,770.80
Off Track Handle: \$387,327.20
Out of State: \$768,897.49
\$1,256,995.49

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 3, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows; 3 for soundness, 2 for injury, 1 for sickness, 1 for bleeding, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward David Nuesch.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 12/01	SAT 12/02	SUN 12/03	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	1	0	1	24
CLAIMS			R		1	3	1	5	325
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	35
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	73
REFUNDS		A			1	1	4	6	348
RULINGS			Y		5	4	3	12	333
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	98

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards David Nuesch, James Dreyer, Grant Baker, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Grant Baker (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)